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THE Liberties, Uſages, AND CUSTOMS OF The City of London,

Confirmed by eſpecial Acts of PARLIAMENT, with the time of their Confirmation.

ALSO,

Divers ample, and moſt beneficial Charters, granted by King *Henry* the 6th, King *Edward* the 4th, and King *Henry* the 7th, not confirmed by PARLIAMENT, as the other CHARTERS were. And where to find every particular Grant and Confirmation at large.

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All the Liberties, Uſages, and Cuſtoms hereafter following, are confirmed by an eſpecial Act of Parliament at Weſtminſter, *Anno ſeptimo Regni Regis* R. 2. *Albo Libro*, 43. *a.*

Abrokers.

THat the Abrokers of any Merchandize in this City, ſhall not be, except the ſame be choſen by Merchants of the Myſtery, in which the ſame *Ab-brokers* ſhall have there exerciſe of their office, and the ſame *Abrokers* alſo to be ſworn before the Lord Major of the City of *London*; *Libro albo*, 38. *a* 12. *H.* 3.

Abrokecators, or Brokers.

Brokers are to be choſen by Merchants of their own myſteries, and they ſhall take their Oath before the Major of *London*; *Lib. albo fol.* 57. *b.* 3. *E.* 3. *per Charter & Parliament.*

Acquittances of Murder.

The Citizens are acquitted as well for any Murder committed within the City, as within the Portſoken; *viz.* they ſhall not be amerced as they have bin in old time if the Murderer did eſcape; *fol.* 35. *albo lib.* 11. *H.* 3. ſo that the ſtatutes of Engliſhſhere, *Anno* 14. *E.* 3. *Cap.* 4.

Acquittances.

That the Citizens of *London* ſhall be for ever acquitted of Pavage, Portage, and Murrage, through all the Kings Dominions; *Lib. alb. fol.* 36. *b, c. Anno.* 12. *H.* 3.

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Aldermen and their Election.

Upon the Feaſt day of S. *Gregorie* yearly ſhall every Alderman be removed from their place, and new in their place ſhall be choſen; *lib. alb. fol.* 42 *a*, *b*. 50. *E.* 3. Note that this is changed ſince by Act of Parliament.

Aldermens Goods.

That Aldermens Goods ſhall be taxed in Aids, Tallages, or other Contributions amongſt other mens Goods, *lib. alb. f.* 36. *b*.

Allowance of Liberties.

It ſhall ſuffice that one Writ in one Kings time ſhall ſerve in the Kings Exchequer, and in all other places for the allowance of the Liberties; *lib. alb. f.* 4. *b*. 1. *E.* 1. Learn for what cauſe, at every change, the City is put to ſo great charges, as to procure a new Confirmation. I think it be only for the profit of Chancery-men.

Amerciaments.

The Sheriff ſhall not be amerced for any offence above 20 l. *lib. alb. f.* 34. *Anno* 11. *H.* 3.

That the Sheriffs of *London* ſhall not be charged or amerced for eſcape of any Felon, but as other Sheriffs have uſed on this ſide *Trent*; *lib. alb. f.* 39. *b* 1. *E.* 1.

None ſhall be otherwiſe amerced, but according to Law uſed in the time of *H.* 1. *lib. al. f.* 35. 11. *H.* 3.

Aids and Contributions.

That the Citizens of *London* in all Aids, Grants, and Contributions to the Kings uſe, ſhall be taxed and contribute with the Commonalty of *England*, as men of the Counties, and not as men of Cities and Burroughs, and that they ſhall be free from all other tallages, and thereof clearly acquitted; *lib. al. f.* 40. 1. *E.* 1.

Bakers

Bakers and Millers.

THere is a Statute in French granted by the King for the puniſhment of Bakers and Millers, and tryed by weight, whether the Millers do deceive the Owners of the Corn, and that *ob.* to be yeelded for every quarter of Corn that is ground, *lib.al.f.*42.*b.c.*1.*E.*1.

Battaile.

A Citizen ſhall not be enforced to wage Battail, nor ſhall in the pleas of Crown be tryed by any other Order, but only according to the ancient Cuſtom of the City; *lib. al.fol.*35. *Anno.*11. *H.*3.

Bean-pleader.

None ſhall be amerced for miſpleading, the which the Book calleth miskenning; *lib.alb.f.*35.11.*H.*3.

Bridgmaſters.

The Bridgmaſters ſhall be choſen by the Commons, there muſt be but two, and they muſt be approved ſufficient men of the City, being no Aldermen; *lib.alb.fol.*38.12.*Hen.* 3.

Buttlerage.

And of the Wines of theCitizens,no prizes or takings ſhall be had or made by any of the Kings Miniſters of their heirs,or of any other againſt their will, *that is to wit,*of one tun before the maſt,and of anothcr tun behind the maſt,nor in any other manner,but they ſhall be thereof acquitted for ever; *br. alb. fol.*40.*lib.*1.*E.*3.

Certiorary, or writ of Priviledge.

Note, that the King chargeth his *Treaſurer,*and the Barons of the Exchequer, and other his Miniſters of the ſame Court, that from henceforth the Kings Writ ſhall not be granted to remove the body of any impriſoned in the Goal of *Newgate*, or elſewhere within the libertyes of the City of *London*, for debts or damages in any action adjudged to any Citizen to anſwer.

anſwer to the King, or other in the ſaid Court of Exchequer, for the Kings debt, or for the debt of any of the Miniſters of the ſaid Exchequer, except the ſaid Barons do firſt find the ſaid Action to be feigned or untrue; *lib. alb. f.* 44. *Anno* 1. *R.* 2.

Chamberlain, Town-clerk, and Common-Sergeant.

That theſe three Offices are eligible and removeable by the Commons, and at the will of the Commons; *lib. albo fol.* 38. *b.* 12. *Hen.* 3.

Colouring of Strangers Goods.

That Citizen which coloureth Strangers Goods, ſhall loſe his Freedom; *lib. alb. fol.* 37. *b. c.* 12. *Hen.* 3.

Confirmation.

All the aforeſaid Liberties are confirmed by Act of *Parliament*, and by *Charter*, *lib. alb. fol.* 36. *Anno* 5. *E.* 3.

Corporation of London.

In the 11. year of King *Hen.* 3. he granted unto the Citizens of *London* the Counties of *London and Middleſex* in Fee-Farm. Note, that the Grant was made unto the Citizens only, and not to the *Major* and Citizens and Commonalty of *London*, as the uſage is at this day: but this maketh no doubt, becauſe the *Charter* is confirmed by *Parliament* the 21 of *November* in the 5th year of the King, *N.* 2. *lib. alb.* 34. *a. b. & fol.* 45. *a.*

Cuſtom paid.

If any ſell his Ware before the Cuſtom paid, it ſhall be forfeited; *lib. alb fol.* 36. *b.* 50. *Hen.* 3.

Cuſtoms expounded and new Laws made.

That it ſhall be lawful for the Mayor, and Aldermen, with the aſſent of the Commons, to expound obſcure Cuſtoms, and when need requireth to make new Laws, the which ſhall be conſonant to Reaſon; *lib. alb. fol.* 39. 15. *E.* 3.

Debts.

All manner of Debts lent in *London* ſhall be ſued for in *London*; *lib. alb. fol.* 35. *b.* 11. *Hen.* 3.

Elections.

Elections.

That the Major of *London*, and the Sheriffs ſhall be choſen and elected in ſuch ſort, as they were appointed by the ancient *Charter*, and in no otherwiſe.

Eſcheator.

That no *Eſcheator* or other *Miniſter* of the King, ſhall exerciſe their Offices within the City, but that the Major for the time being, ſhall be *Eſcheator*, and he ſhall yeeld unto the King his Oath, that he ſhall duly exerciſe and make a true accompt for the ſame Office; *lib. alb. fol.* 4. *a.* 1. *E.* 1.

Expoſition.

If any difficulty or ambiguity do ariſe upon any Article, within any of the Kings *Charters* granted unto this City, ſo that the ſame Article may be taken to divers meanings: the King granteth that he by the adviſement of his Counſel, may make thereof ſuch interpretation as ſhall be beſt with Equity and Reaſon; *lib. alb.* 44. *a. b.* 1. *R.* 2.

Felons Goods.

That the Citizens ſhall have Infangtheff, and Outfangtheff, and the goods of all Fellons that ſhall be adjudged before them within their liberties there; *lib. alb. fol.* 39. *b.* 1. *E.* 1.

Fee-Farm.

Where the Counties of *London* and *Middleſex* were let to Farm for 300 l. and yet notwithſtanding the office of the Exchequer by inchroachment, compelled them to pay 400 l. Now it is granted by *Parliament*, that the City ſhall pay no more but 300 l. according to their former *Charters*, *lib. alb o fol.* 39. *b.* 1. *E.* 1.

Fee-Farm Apportioned.

If the King do grant to any other, any thing that belongeth to the Fee-Farm, then ſhall the Fee-Farm for ſo much yearly he apportioned and abated at the Exchequer; *fol.* 34. *lib. albo* 11. *Hen.* 3.

Fee-

Fee-Farm of London and Middlesex.

The Fee-Farm of *London and Middlesex*, that is to say, for 300 l. by the year is granted to the Citizens of *London*, by 11. *Hen.* 3. and confirmed by *Parliament* in the 7. *R.* 2. *lib. albo fol.* 34. *a. b. and fol.* 45. *a. lib.* 4.

Farm bought, and Farm sold.

The Statute of *Anno* 9. *E.* 3. *cap.* 1. Rastal Tile Merchants, *No.* 2. is, for asmuch as concerneth *London*, expounded and repealed; and the liberties of *Magna Charta*, as touching *London*, are revived, and the intent of the Lawmakers expounded, was not to touch *London*, nor yet infringe the Liberties of the great *Charter*; *lib. alb.* 41. *a. b.* The aforesaid statute *Anno.* 9. *E.* 3. hath bin very often objected against the City of *London in Parliaments*, by such as are ignorant of our *Charters* and *Statutes*, *vide alibi lib. alb. fol.* 43. *a. b.* a notable Grant by *Parliament* for the same matter.

Foren bought, and Foren sold.

No stranger shall *Foren* buy and *Foren* sell within this City, any Statute to the contrary notwithstanding; *lib. alb. fol.* 57. *b.* and *per Parliament.*

Foren bought, and Foren sold.

Both by Charter and Parliament it is granted, that from henceforth no Merchant being a stranger to the liberties of this City, shall buy or sell any Merchandize within the liberties of this City, to any like stranger Merchant, upon the pain of Forfeitures of such Merchandizes so bought or sold; *lib. alb. f.* 43. *a. b.* 1, *R.* 2.

Forest of Middlesex dissaforested.

King *Henry* 3. *Anno* 11 *Regni sui*, did by his Charter disaforest the Warren of *Stains*, and the Forest of *Middlesex*, the which was a singular benefit both to the Country, and also for the City. Note also in the same place, a man may gather some notable points touching the Forest Law; *lib. alb. f.* 35. *b. c.*

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Forfeiture or ſeiſure of the Liberties of the City.

That the Liberty of the City ſhall not be ſeized in the Kings hands, for any perſonal treſpaſs, or judgment perſonal of any Miniſter of the City, or for any ſuch cauſe, any Warden called *Cuſtos* ſhall be by the King Deputed to rule the City; but every Miniſter ſhall anſwer for his own fault, and ſhall according to the quantity and quality of the ſame fault, receive condign puniſhment; *lib. albo fol.* 40. *b* 1. *E.* 3.

Form of Juſtice.

That the Citizens of *London* in the Eyres before the Juſtices of the Tower, ſhall be meaſured, guided, and governed by the Laws and Cuſtoms; by the which, they were guided in the Eyres holden there in the times of King *John* and King *Henry* the 3. *lib. alb f.* 40. *b.* 1. *E* 3.

Fore-Stallars.

Fore-Stallers and Fore-ſtalments, made by the Merchants for or concerning Merchandize or Victuals either by Land, or by Water, ſhall be puniſhed by forfeiture or Impriſonment; *lib. albo* 36. *b* 50. *H.* 3.

Free-men, and making Free-men.

No ſtranger born ſhall be made free of this City but in the Court of *Huſtings*; *lib. albo fol.* 37. *b* 12. *H.* 3. How free Denizens, and Engliſhmen that never were Apprentices ſhall be made free, and how every one ought to put in for himſelf ſufficient ſureties, to be true to the conſervation of the City. But this Order is not uſed at this day; therefore I omit to ſpeak any more of it in this place, and yet is this Form of making Free-men by Redemption, appointed by *Parliament*, *lib. alb. fol.* 37. *b* 12. *Henry* 3.

Hunting.

The Citizens of *London* may have their fugations, *viz.* their Hunting in all ſuch places, as they had the ſame in the time of King *Henry* 1. *lib. alb. fol* 35. *b.* 11. *Henry* 3.

Huſtings.

That as well Foreigners as others, being either plaintiffs or defendants, may make their Attorneys in the Huſtings in *London*; *lib. alb. f.* 36. *b.* 60. *Henry* 3.

The Huſtings ſhall be holden but once in a week; *lib. alb.* 35. 11. *Henry* 3.

Inquiſitions.

All Inquiſitions to be taken before the Kings Miniſters by men of this City, ſhall be taken at St. *Martins Le-grand*, and not elſe-where, except the Inquiſitions of the Eires of the Tower and Goal-delivery of *New-gate*; *lib. alb.* 41. *a.* 1. *E.* 3.

All Inquiſitions of the Cuſtomable payments, Cuſtoms, Impoſitions, and Purpreſtures within the City, ſhall be inquired of by Citizens, and not by others; ſee the words of Record more at large, *lib. alb.* 45. *b. c*, 7. *R.* 2. See the Statute of 28. *E.* 3. *Cap.* 10.

Juriſdiction of Pleas.

No Citizens ſhall be impleaded out of the walls of the City of *London*; but for pleas of the Land, being without the City, always excepted the Moniers, and the Kings Miniſters, *lib. alb. f.* 35. *a.* 11. *H.* 3.

Inquiſitions of the Goal of New-Gate.

That the Major of *London* for the time being ſhall in every Commiſſion for the Goal-delivery of *New-Gate* be named one of the Juſtices; *lib. alb. f.* 39. *b.* 1 *E.* 1.

Juſtices in London.

The King is reſtrained by his *Charter* confirmed by *Parliament*, to aſſign any Juſtices in *London*, except the Juſtices of Eire at the Tower of *London*, and Juſtices of Goal-delivery of *New-Gate*, and for errors at S. *Martins* to be corrected: except any things do chance within the ſame City, that do touch the King or his Heirs; *lib. alb.* 37. *a.* 12. *Henry* 3.

Kiddles, viz. Wears.

It is granted that all the Wears of the *Thames*, and *Med-*

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way ſhall be put down. And he that ſetteth up any hereafter, ſhall forfeit x. l. *libro al. folio* 35. *a.*

That the Citizens ſhall remove and take away all Keddels Stops and Wears in the waters of *Thames*, and *Medway*: And that they ſhall have all ſuch puniſhments in that behalf to the King, *lib. alb. fol.* 39, *b.* 1. *E.* 1.

Liberties and free Cuſtoms.

Free Liberties and free Cuſtomes uſed in the time of King *Henry* 1. are by *Charter*, and after by *Parliament* ratified and granted to the City; *lib. al. folio* 35. *b. c.* 11. *Hen.* the third, and 37. *Henry* 3.

Liberties and Franchiſes.

The King granteth, and doth allow that the Citizens of *London*, their heirs and ſucceſſors, ſhall have their Liberties, and free Cuſtoms, and may uſe and enjoy the ſame, as they have done in ancient time. And alſo that they may record the ſame before the King's Juſtices, and Miniſters, as they have been wont to do; any Statutes or Judgments to the contrary notwithſtanding; *lib. al.* 40. *a. b*, 1. *E.* 1.

Liberties confirmed.

All manner of Liberties granted by King *Henry* 3. are confirmed by *E.* 1. *Anno* 12. *lib. albo fol.* 31. *a.*

Liberties confirmed.

Firſt, whereas in the great Charter of the Liberties of *England* amongſt other things it was ordained that the City of *London* ſhould have all their ancient Liberties & Cuſtoms, and that the ſame Citizens at the time of the making of the ſame Charter, and in the time of Saint *Edmond* the King and Confeſſor, and *William* the Conqueror, and of other the Progenitors of King *E.* 3. had and uſed divers Liberties and Cuſtoms, as well by Charters, as without Charters of ancient Cuſtom.

Of which Liberties in divers Eyres, and in other Courts of the Kings of the Realm, the ſame Citizens have been impeached and ſundry of them fore-judged. King *E* 1 by Charter, *confirmat Anno Regni ſui primo*, hath granted that the Citizens ſhall have their Liberties according to the Form of the great Charter, and that all impediments and uſurpations to them in that behalf made, ſhall be revoked and diſanulled; *lib. albo fol.* 39. *a, b. Anno primo E.* 1.

Major to be preſented.

The Lord Major being choſen muſt be preſented unto the Court of Exchequer, and after to the King himſelf; *lib. albo f.* 36. *a.* 37. *Henry* 3.

Major.

That the *Major of London* during his Majoralty ſhall have no more Offices belonging to the City, but only the Office of the Majoralty, nor hold any plea vicouncel within the chamber of the City, nor any other, but ſuch as by the ancient cuſtome of the City, he as *Major* ought to hold plea of. *Fleetwood* Recorder doth expound theſe words *Vicounti pleas*, to be ſuch pleas as the Sheriffs by the common laws of this Realm, may hold pleas of in his hundred, the which be actions of debt under 40 l. and of ſuch-like cauſes, *lib. alb. fol.* 37. *b*, 12. *H.* 3.

Marſhal.

The Marſhal ſhall not within the City, nor the Portſoken by force, nor otherwiſe, take up any mans houſe, *lib. alb. f.* 35. *a.* 11. *Henry* 3.

Markets.

No market from henceforth ſhall be granted by the King to be kept within 7. miles of this City, *lib. alb. f.* 41, *a.* 1. *E.* 3.

Marſhalſee and Clerk of the Houſhold.

The Steward of the *Marſhalſee*, and the Clerk of the Market

ket of the Kings Houſe, ſhall not ſit nor execute their Office within the liberties of this City, nor ſhall draw into plea any Citizen out of the City, for any cauſe ariſing or growing within the liberties of the ſame City, *lib. albo folio* 40, *a.* 1. *E.* 1.

Merchants ſtrangers free Hoſts.

It is commanded by *Charter*, and *Parliament*, that all Merchants ſtrangers comming into *England*; ſhall make ſale of their merchandizes within 40 days after their arrival; & that they ſhall abide and be at the table of free Hoſts, of this City of *London*, and of all other Cities and Towns of *England*, without keeping houſes of ſocieties by themſelves; *lib. albo folio* 39, *b*, *c.* 1. *E.* 1.

Mortmain.

That the City and their heirs and ſucceſſors may demiſe their Lands as well in *Mortmain* as otherwiſe, as of ancient time they were accuſtomed; *lib. albo folio* 30, *b.* 1. *E.* 1.

Non-uſer.

Although before this time any of the ancient Liberties have not been put in ure; yet from henceforth it ſhall be lawful to put them in execution, *lib. albo folio* 39. *a.* 15. *E.* 3.

Officers of the City.

All lands or tenements without the Freedom of the City, whereof any Citizen is, or ſhall be owner, now or hereafter, which are or ſhall be Miniſters of the City, ſhall be obliged to the conſervation or ſaving harmleſs, the ſame City againſt the King and his Heirs, for matters concerning their offices in like manner, as their tenements within the ſame City were wont to be, *lib. al. folio* 40. *b*, *c.* 1. *E.* 1.

Note by this Article, that all the Miniſters of this City, ought to be Freemen.

Oaſts.

Oaſts.

No ſtranger ſhall be an Oaſt, or keep Oaſterie for ſtrangers, *lib. al. fol.* 57. *a, b. per Charter*, 38. *E.* 3. *and per Parliament.*

Oaſts and Free-Oaſts.

That all that keep common Oaſtery in the City, or the Suburbs, although they be not free, yet ſhall they be at all manner of charges for the maintenance of the City, as ample, as ample as any other that be free Oaſts, *lib. al. folio* 38. *a, b.* 12. *Henry* 3.

Oath.

The Major of *London* ſhall not be compelled to take any other Oath at the Exchequer, than hath been uſed in the time of King *Edward* the third, any Law, Statute, or Ordinance notwithſtanding, *lib. al. folio* 44. *b, c.* 7. *R.* 2.

Parliament.

All the aforeſaid *Articles, Charters, Grants,* and *Ordinances,* are to this place confirmed by *Act of Parliament,* in manner and form as they be before expreſſed, *Anno.* 7. *R.* 2.

Pleas in Fairs and Markets.

Becauſe the Citizens of *London* in all good and great Fairs of England were wont to have Wardens of themſelves to hold pleas, concerning ſuch Citizens as ſhall have conference to the ſaid Fairs: It is granted by *Charter,* that the ſame Citizens ſhall have their Wardens of their Citizens, for the hold-

holding of ſuch Pleas as of antient times they have had, excepting Pleas of the Land, and of the *Crown, lib. al.* 40. 1. E. 1,

Precepts to the Citizens.

By Parliament that is allowed to the *Citizens of London*, not to be ſubject to the Precepts or Commandments of the Conſtable of England, Steward, Marſhal, Admiral, Clerk of the Market, or of any other Officer or Miniſter of the King, but only to the Kings Commandments or Precepts, which ſhall be made in the Kings name ſtill, and under the Kings Seals, and Liberty is allowed by *Act of Parliament, ſoit uſe Come ad eſtre devant tempes; lib, albo f.* 43, *b.* 1. *R.* 2.

Preſenting of the Sheriffes.

Such Sheriffes as the Citizens ſhall make choiſe of, ſhall be preſented to the Kings Juſtices. And the ſaid Sheriff ſhall anſwer to the King or to his Juſtices, or his Exchequer, of ſuch things as to his Sheriffdom do appertain; *lib. alb. fol.* 34. *a, b.* 11. *Henry* 3.

Proceſſe and ſerving of Proceſſe

That no Summons, Attachment, or Execution, by any of the Kings Miniſters, by Writ or without Writ, within the Liberty of the City aforeſaid, ſhall be made but by the only Miniſters of the City; *lib. albo* 40. *b.* 1. E 1.

Protections.

The King granteth that all the Protections of him and his Heirs, given to and for the ſervice of the King, either to go forth, or to abide in any places of the Kings ſervice from henceforth, ſhall take no place in any plea of Debt for any Victuals taken or bought for the Voyage or Service; whereof any mention is made in any ſuch Protection, nor any

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ſuch Protection ſhall be allowed for any pleas of Treſpaſſes, or Contracts, made or done after the Date of ſuch Protection, in ſuch caſe as the Plantiffe is, or ſhall be a Freeman of this City; *lib. albo. f.* 44. *Anno primo* R. 2.

Purveyors.

That no *Purveyor-taker*, Officers, or other Miniſters ſhall make, or take any Priſes or Takings in the City of *London*, or without, of the Goods of any Citizen of the ſame City, againſt their wills; except immediately their indelayed payment be made, or elſe that reſpect of payment be therefore taken with the good will of the Party; *lib. albo* 40. *b.* 1. E. 3.

Purveyors or Officers of the King.

It is prohibited that no Officer or Purveyor of the King ſhall merchandize by himſelf, or by other within the ſaid City or without, of any thing touching or concerning his Office; *lib. albo. fol.* 40. *b.* 1. E. 3. Remember how the Purveyors of Poultry do keep ſhops in *London*, and nothing is ſaid againſt them.

Reſtitution.

There is as free Reſtitution granted, as well by *Charter* as by *Parliament*, unto the Citizens of *London*, of all and ſingular their Liberties and Franchiſes, as ever any of their predeceſſors enjoyed the ſame, any *Non-uſer*, or *Abuſer*, or *Statute-judgment*, or *Charter* to the contrary notwithſtanding. And that the ſame Citizens may enjoy the ſame without impeachment of the King, his Juſtices or Miniſters whatſoever, *lib. albo.* 40. 7. *R.* 2.

Right.

That equal might be done both for Lands, and Leaſes, that be within the City, *viz. infraurbem*, according to the ancient cuſtom of the City, *lib. albo.* 35. 1 *Henry* 3.

Right

Right owner.

Every Rightful owner of Lands, Leaſes, Gages, Pledges, and Debts, ſhall enjoy the ſame lawfully, *lib. albo* 35, *a* 11. *H.* 3.

Sanctuaries.

That the Citizens ſhall not be otherwiſe charged, than they have been accuſtomed, touching the ſcapes of ſuch as have taken Sanctuary in the Church, or Church-yards, *lib. alb. f.* 39. *b.*

St. *Pauls.*

There is 8. *l.* parcel of the Fee-Farm abated to the City, for the Liberty of St. *Paul's* in *London*, *lib. albo f.* 36. *a* 37, *H.* 3.

Scot and Lot.

That Freemen within the City, as ſuch as dwell without the City, and occupy Merchandize within the City, ſhall be ſubject to Scot and Lot with the Commons of the ſame City, for and touching, *&c. lib. alb. fol.* 38, *a.* 11. *Henry* the third.

Seals of the King.

There doth appear 11. *Hen* 3. that in a Charter made for the putting down of Kiddles or Wares, that the King did ſet his hand to the Charter, and alſo his Seal, the which I did never hear nor read of in any book before this time, the words are theſe. *Quod ut firmum & ſtabile perſeveret imperpetuum putis paginæ inſcriptio. Commun.* &c. *lib. albo fol.* 35, *a* 11. *H.* 3.

Seal of the City.

The common Seal of this City ſhall remain in the cuſtody of two Aldermen, and two Commoners, and the ſame Seal ſhall not be denyed neither to the poor nor to the rich Commoner, when need ſhall require; provided, that ſuch requeſt ſhall be upon reaſonable cauſes, and that nothing ſhall be taken for the ſetting of the ſame Seal thereto, *lib. alb. f.* 38, *a.* 12. *H.* 3.

Sergeants at the Chamber.

That no Sergeant of the chamber of *Guild-hall*, shall have any fee of the Commonalty of the City, nor shall make any Execution but only by the Commons of the City for that purpose to be chosen, *lib. alb. fol. b.* 12. *H.* 7.

Sergeants at the Mace.

For the augmentation of the name and honour of this City, it is granted that our Sergeants shall and may bear, and carry Maces of Gold, of Silver, or guilded of Silver, with the Kings Arms upon the same, within the City; and *Middlesex*, and all other places belonging to the same City; and also when they be sent to the King, his Mother, or Children, *lib. alb. fol.* 42. *a.* 28. *E.* 3.

Sheriffs.

The Sheriffs of *London* shall not be distreined to make an Oath at the Exchequer, but only upon the yielding up their accompt, *libi nlb. fol.* 40. *a.* 1. *E.* 1.

That none of the Sheriffs shall have but 7 Clerks, and two Sergeants, by reason of his Office.

Sheriffs and their Elections.

It is granted to the Citizens of *London* to make Elections of their Sheriffs, and after to remove them at their pleasures, *Anno* 11. *Hen.* 3. *lib. al. fol.* 34. *a. b.*

Sheriffs.

That the Sheriff of *London* shall be amerced in the Kings Court according to the quantity of their offence, like as all other Sheriffs of *England* have been, *lib. alb. fol.* 31, *a. lib.* 1. 32. *Ed.* 3.

Sheriffs.

That the Sheriff for the time being shall commit the collection of Tolls and Customs belonging to the Fee-Farm, and all Publick Offices to them belonging, and by them to be exercised unto sufficient persons, for whom they will answer, and that such Officers as they shall appoint, shall

be removed upon their misbehaviour, *lib. alb. fol.* 38. *Anno* 12. *Hen.* 3.

Sheriffs.

That the Sheriffs of this City for the time being shall have towards the Farm of the same City, the full forfeiture of victuals, and other things. And also of Merchandizes after the tenor of the Charters to the Citizens granted and made. And that from henceforth the Sheriffs shall not be hindred or molested for the same, against the tenor of the same Charters, *lib. alb. fol.* 40. *b.* 1. *E.* 1.

Southwark.

The Town of *Southwark* is granted for a Fee Farm unto the City, to the intent, to conserve the Peace of the same Town, and to suppress Fellons in that place. And this is by Act of Parliament and Charter, *lib. alb.* 41. *a*, 1. *E.* 3.

Subsidies, Tallages, or Aids.

That those that be assessed according to the Custome of the City, by Men of their Wards appointed to be Sessors by the Mayor and Aldermen, or by others to pay any Tallage or Aid to the King, shall not be set higher, but by the Mayor and Commons, *lib. alb. fol.* 37. *b.* 12. *Hen.* 3.

Successors in London.

The habend of the Fee-Farm of *London* and *Middlesex* is to the Citizens and their heirs. And yet it is taken, that these words heirs, do signifie their successours, *lib. alb. fol.* 34, *a*, *b.* 11. *Hen.* 3.

Sureties for the Sheriffs.

The whole Citizens of *London* must answer to the King, and satisfie both the Fee-Farm, and also all the amerciaments, if the Sheriffs do make default, *lib. al. f.* 34. *a*, *b.* 11. *Henry* 3.

Suits against Citizens.

None of the liberty of this city shall be impleaded or occasioned at the Kings Exchequer, nor elsewhere by Bill, except it be for matter, which belongs to the King or his Heirs. *fol.* 41. *Anno* 1. *E.* 3.

At this day all our Citizens do implead one another out of the city, the which is directly againſt our liberties, being confirmed by *Parliament*.

Taxes and Tallages.

That taxes and tallages for the neceſſity of the City by common conſent or Common-councill, may be aſſeſſed and levied aſwell upon Rents, as other things, and as well upon myſteries, as by other means, *lib.alb.fol.*38.*b.*12.*H.*3.

Toll.

The Citizens of *London* are diſcharged of Toll and Laſtage, and of all other cuſtomes as well by Land, as by Seas, within the Kings Dominions, *lib.alb.fol.*35.*a.*37.*Hen.*3.

Tower of London.

That the Conſtable of the Tower for the time being ſhall not, either by land or water, take or make any priſages of any victuals, or other things whatſoever, of the people of the ſame city; nor of any others comming or going towards or from the ſaid city, nor by any manner of means, ſhall arreſt or cauſe to be arreſted any ſhips, veſſels, or boats bringing to the ſaid city any victuals or any goods, *l.al.f.*40.*a.*1.*E.*1.

The Conſtable of the Tower of *London* ſhall not take any thing for the ſuffering of wares in the Thames or Medway, *lib.albo fol.*35.11.*H.*3.

The Conſtable of the Tower of *London*, in the default of the Barons of the Exchequer, being abſent from *Weſtminſter*, and alſo of the King at ſuch time as the Major ought to be polluted, muſt take the Oaths of the Mayor and of the Sheriffs, without the Tower-Gates, *l.al.f.*36, *b. Anno* 12.*H.* 3.

Warres.

That the Citizens from henceforth ſhall not be compeled to go or ſend to the warres out of the city, *lib. albo fol:* 40, *a.* 1.*E.*1.

Weights and Meaſures.

That the weights and ballances amongſt Merchants, by the which

which any profit doth grow, and the correction of the ſame, doth belong to the commonalty of this city. And that they ſhall be in the cuſtody of approved and ſufficient men, expert in the ſame office, being choſen by the Commons.

Withernam.

If any toll or other cuſtom be taken from any Citizens of the Kings Dominions, the Sheriff of *London* ſhall at *London* take pledge or Withernam, *lib.alb.f.*35.*b.*11.*Hen.*3.

Wines ſold by retail.

That no Merchant that is not free of this City ſhall ſell any Wines by retail within the ſame city, *lib. alb.fol.*38.*a*,12. *Hen.*3.

Wines and Victuals.

By *Charter* and by *Parliament*, is granted that the Lord Major and Aldermen for the time being, ſhall have the Rule and Government of the Vintners, *viz.* of all manner of wines which ſhall be ſold within the ſame City, and of all manner of Victuals, as well ſellers of fiſh, as of all other dwelling within the ſame city, and to the ſame bringing any Victuals there to be ſold, *lib. alb.fol.*44.*b.*7.*R.*2.

Note, how that the Vintners of this city did exhibit a Bill to the Councill at *Greenwich*, *Termino paſchæ. An.*18, *Eliz. Regni*, affirming, that they were not under the Government of the Mayor and Aldermen; the which I learn to be drawn by one *Land*, an Attorney of the Guild-Hall

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Hereafter do enſue divers ample and moſt beneficial Charters, granted by King Hen. 6. E. 4. *and King* Hen. 7. *but theſe Charters are not confirmed by* Parliament, *as the other Charters were. Note, that the* Charter *of* Hen. *the* 6. *and* E. 4. *are all one, with little alteration.*

Beer-brewers.

THe correction of the Beer-brewers, and of the meaſurages likewiſe is granted to the City, *lib. albo. f.* 50. *b, c.* 23. *Hen.* 6. Note, at this time there was Beer-brewers in *England.*

Certioraries for Recogniſances.

It is granted, that when a Certiorary is ſent for any Indictment of Fellony, treſpaſs, extortion, or any other offence, or for any Recogniſance for the peace broken, that we ſhall not ſend the Record it ſelf, but only the tenors of the ſame, and that ſhall ſuffice, *lib. albo* 49. *b.* 23. *Henry* 6.

Commiſſion of the Peace.

The Commiſſion of the Peace is at large ſet down, with all the Articles that are to be inquired, *lib. albo* 47. 23. *H.* 6.

Confirmation.

King *Henry* 7, *Anno* 20. did grant unto the City of *London* moſt large and ample ratification of all and ſingular their Liberties, Franchiſes, and Cuſtomes, and all ſuch like things expreſſed in any of their Charters whatſoever they were, *lib. albo* 58. *a.*

Confir-

Confirmation.

King *Henry* 5. by Act of Parliament, and a ſpecial Charter dated 7ber *Anno* 7. hath alſo confirmed the Liberties aforeſaid, *lib. albo folio* 47, *a.*

Confirmation all and ſingular.

All and ſingular the aforeſaid Liberties are moſt amply confirmed by a great Charter, made by King *H.* 4. in the firſt year of his Reign; but they are not by him confirmed by *Parliament*, but by *Charter.* And this is the Charter that the Commons of this City do uſe to call the great *Charter* of *London*, *lib. alb. fol.* 46, *a*, *b.* 1. *primo H.* 4.

Elections of Officers.

That the Citizens ſhall have the choice of all under-Sheriffs, Clerks, Bayliffs of Sheriffs, for whom they will anſwer, as well in the County of *Middleſex*, as within the City of *London*: In which grant, there is a ſaving or proviſo for the Sheriffs of *London*, for the right, &c. *lib. alb.* 49. *b*, *c.* 23. *H.* 6.

Exemption for the Aldermen.

It is granted, that the Aldermen of this City ſhall not be put in Aſſizes, Juries, Attaints, Recognitions, or Inquiſitions, although the King himſelf be party; nor they ſhall be without the Liberties of the City, Collectors, or Aſſeſſors of tenths and fifteens, *lib. alb. f.* 54, *a*, *b.*

Fines and Amerciaments.

All Fines, Amerciaments, Iſſues forfeited, Redemptions, Forfeitures, Penalties of all Offences inquirable by the *Commiſſions* of the peace, are granted to the Citizens of *London*, *l. al. f.* 49, *a.* 23. *H.* 6. And in the ſame place the premiſes are alſo granted, if they be forfeited before the Juſtices in the pleas of the crown, or before any other Juſtices, or Miniſter whatſoever, *ibid.*

Forrein

Forrein bought, and Forrien ſold.

That the forfeiture of Forrein bought, and Forrein ſold, ſhall belong to the Mayor and Commons of this City, without any accompt to be therefore yielded, *lib. alb. fol.* 59,*b*,*c*. this Article is moſt largely and beneficially ſet forth in the Book.

Gates and Poſterns.

All the Gates and Poſterns of this City, and the cuſtody of the ſame are granted unto the City, *lib. alb. f.*46.*fol.*8. 1. *Henry* 4.

Ganger.

The office of the Ganger-ſhip is granted to the City of *London*, with all the Fees, profits, and enrolements to the ſame belonging, *li b.alb.f.*60..20.*H.*7.

Juſtices of Peace.

That the Mayor for the time being may nominate to the Chancellor of *England*, the names of two Aldermen, the one to be a Juſtice of Peace in *Surrey*, and the other in *Middleſex*, *lib.al.fol.*60.*b.*20. *Henry* 7.

Juſtices of the Peace.

That the Mayor and the Recorder, and all the Aldermen that have been Mayors ſhall be Juſtices of peace in *London*, And that the Mayor and the Recorder ſhall be two of the *Quorum*, *lib.alb.*47,*b.c. Hen.*6.

Mortmain.

The King granteth licence to the Commonalty to purchaſe Lands and Tenements, to the value of 200. marks by the year, the ſtatute of *Mortmain*, or any other thing to the contrary notwithſtanding, *lib.albo fol.*56,*a*,*b*,*c.*18.*E.*4.

Non-uſer and abuſer.

Non-uſer and abuſer of the liberties are by the King pardoned, *lib.alb.*50. *Anno* 25. *Hen.*6.

Notunda.

All the aforeſaid matters expreſſed in the aforeſaid *Charter*, 23. *Henry* 6. *lib. albo* 47. 48, 49, 50, 51, and 52. are by like Charter granted again by 2. *Eliz.* 4. *lib. albo fol.* 52, 53, 54, 55.

Packer.

The Offices and gift of the ſame, *viz.* of the Packer and Surveyor, ſhips of all meaſures, weights and of merchandizes, and of the Garblers office, and Wine-drawers, and the collection of all maner of victuals, and all ſuch like Offices do belong to the Lord Major and his diſpoſing, *lib. alb. fol.* 50. *a. b.* 23. *Henry* 6.

Recordator.

That the Recorder ſhall or may *ore-tenus*, that is to ſay, by open ſpeech, record and certifie the cuſtoms, being traverſed. And his Certificate ſhall be as ſtrong in the Law as the verdict of 22 men, *lib. alb. fol.* 49, *a.* 23. *Henry* 6.

Recognizances.

The forfeiture of Recognizances for the breach of peace or good abearing, is alſo granted to the City, *lib. albo fol.* 49. 23. *Henry* 6.

Seiſure of the Liberties.

I find that King *R.* 2. *Anno* 16. *Regni ſui*, did by vertue of a ſtatute, 28. *E.* 3. *cap.* 10, the which ſtatue in King *Richards* days, was by a bye-word, *Flagellum Comit. London*, that is, the whip and ſcourge of the City of *London*, the ſtatute ſhall be hereafter ſet down at large.

I ſay by this ſtatute the King very eaſily found a quarrel againſt the the City, and did by Commiſſion ſeize the Liberties of the ſaid City. The fault was for that the Mayor and Aldermen of the City did not correct nor puniſh, and this

was all. But after in *Anno* 16. and 20. the ſame King reſtored the Liberties again to the ſaid City, *lib. albo. f.* 45,*a*,*b*,*c*.

Search.

The generall ſearch of ſurvey government, correction and permiſſion of all people, within this City as well, Dedizens and ſtrangers in their ſellings, cuttings, workings, meaſurings, weighings, and in all and ſingular their other doings, done not only by cuſtome, but alſo by *Charter*, belong to the Mayor of *London* for the time being, *lib. alb. fol.* 58. *a*,*b*,*c*,*d*. 20. *Hen.* 7.

This matter eſpecially is moſt excellently well ſet down in the ſaid Book. And King *Henry* 7. hath granted for him his Heirs and Succeſſors that neither the Kings of this Realm nor any other perſon ſhall interrupt the Mayor of *London* in the due execution and exerciſing of the premiſes: if this *Charter* were well looked unto, then enquire of what force all and ſingular theſe *Charters* are of, to whom the King hath granted to be Searcher, not only over their own companies but alſo over others. As the *Girdlers* do attempt to ſearch the *Habberdaſhers*, and *Clothworkers*; the *Black-ſmiths* do attempt to ſearch the *Iron-mongers*, and ſuch like others.

Southwark.

A large *Charter* is granted for the Liberties of *Southwark*, and for correction of offences there, and a view of *Franck-pledge* with Arreſts, and to bring the Offenders to *Newgate*. And to have as ample Liberties in *Southwark*, as the King had, *lib. alb. fol.* 41,*b*,*c*,*d*,*e*, 23. *Hen.* 6.

Toll.

The Offices of the gathering of the *Toll*, and of the cuſtom in *Cheap*, *Billingſ-gate*, and *Smithfield*, is granted to the City, *lib. alb. fol.* 46,*b*, 1. *H.* 4.

Trea-

Treaſure-trove

Treaſure-trove, wair and Fellons, goods, and forſtallers of victuals, and Regrators, both in *London* and upon the *Thames*, are granted to the City, *lib. alb. fol.* 49. *a*, 23. *Hen.* 6.

Tronage.

Tronage, that is to ſay, the weighing of Lead, wax, pepper, Allom, madder, and of ſuch like merchandize, are granted to the *City*, *lib. alb. fol.* 46, *b.*

Waſte-grounds.

All the waſte ground, or common grounds pur-preſtures, and approvements, and the Rents reſerved of the ſame are granted to the *City*, as well in the Land, as in the *Thames*, *lib. alb. fol.* 49. 23. *H.* 6.

Woolls, Leaden-hall.

The Tronage or Weighing of Wools ſhall be at *Leaden-hall*, which was wont to be at *Weſtminſter*, *lib. alb. fol.* 55. 3. *Eliz.* 4.

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